

## **STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC IMPACT TO SMALL BUSINESSES**

**1. Name of Board, Committee or Council:** Board of Social Worker Certification and Licensure

**2. Rulemaking hearing date:** October 23, 2006

**3. Types of small businesses that will be directly affected by the proposed rules:**

- (a) Providers of social work services whose licensees supervise the required clinical experience needed for licensure as an independently practicing clinical social worker; and
- (b) Providers of social work services who seek to employ or merge practice with social workers who are reactivating an expired or revoked license; and
- (c) Providers of social work educational programs who applied for, but have not yet received, accreditation from the Council on Social Work Education; and
- (d) Social workers who previously practiced independently and are now seeking to reactivate an expired or revoked license.

**4. Types of small businesses that will bear the cost of the proposed rules:**

The Board anticipates the proposed rule amendments will reduce, rather than increase, small business expenses.

**5. Types of small businesses that will directly benefit from the proposed rules:**

- (a) Providers of social work services whose licensees supervise the required clinical experience needed for licensure as an independently practicing clinical social worker; and
- (b) Providers of social work services who seek to employ or merge practice with social workers who are reactivating an expired or revoked license; and
- (c) Providers of social work educational programs who applied for, but have not yet received, accreditation from the Council on Social Work Education; and
- (d) Social workers who previously practiced independently and are now seeking to reactivate an expired or revoked license.

**6. Description of how small business will be adversely impacted by the proposed rules:**

The Board anticipates the proposed rule amendments will favorably, rather than adversely, impact small businesses.

**7. Alternatives to the proposed rule that will accomplish the same objectives but are less burdensome, and why they are not being proposed:**

The Board does not believe there are less burdensome alternatives because the intent of the proposed rule amendments is precisely that.

**8. Comparison of the proposed rule with federal or state counterparts:**

The Board is not aware of any federal counterparts. Several of the health-related licensing boards, committees, and councils have rules that allow the issuance of temporary certifications.